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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, January 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	February 19, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Mucha, Professional Member, **President**, Presiding
Kyla Gleockler, Public Member **Vice President**
Dajoun Sewell, Public Member, **Secretary**
Daphne Warner, Professional Member
Linda Brittingham, Professional Member
Precious Benson, Public Member
Dr. Fran Franklin, PhD, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

No members were absent.

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Marlene Saunders, National Association of Social Workers, Delaware Chapter (NASW-DE)
Dr. Sheridan Q. Kingsberry, DSU
Michael Frankum, NASW-DE
Kacia Tery, NASW-DE, DSU
Jannia Santiago, NASW-DE, DSU
Amanda Irving, DSU
Gloria M. D'Amore, Court Reporter of Wilcox & Fetzer
John S. Malik, Esq.
Sachin Karnik, LCSW
Zoe Plerhoples, Deputy Attorney General
Angie Kogut, Deputy Attorney General
Sandeep Gupta, MD
Donna B.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mucha called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Mr. Mucha advised that all Board members are to remain neutral during the hearing that will be held later in the morning at today's meeting. Ms. Kelly advised that any communication between Board members should only be held during their public meeting and not through email correspondence.

Mr. Mucha welcomed Dr. Fran Franklin back to the Board to serve as a professional member as she serviced as the Board President in the past. Mr. Mucha advised that he will be moving agenda items around to ensure the legislative update and public comment is given time to be addressed.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes for the November 20, 2017 meeting. Mr. Mucha advised that there was only one amendment needed on page one (1) of the minutes. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Warner, to approve the November minutes as amended. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Disciplinary Hearing for Sachin Karnik, LCSW Case No.: 31-02-17 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Gloria M. D'Amore, John Malik, Esquire; Sachin Kanick; Zoe Plerhoples, DAG; Angie Kogut, DAG; Sandeep Gupta, MD; Donna B.; Eileen Kelly, DAG; Dr. Fran Franklin, LCSW; Dajoun Sewell, John Mucha, LCSW; Kyla Gleockler; Linda Brittingham, LCSW; Precious Benson

Others Present: Dr. Marlene Saunders

The hearing for Sachin J. Karnik began at 10:01 a.m. Ms. Kelly advised the purpose of this hearing before the Board as the disciplinary matter against Sachin J. Karnik, LCSW, Case No. 31-02-17. The Board introduced themselves for the record. Counsel and their parties introduced themselves for the record. The State moved to enter into evidence for the record State's Exhibits 1-13, with no objections. The State also advised that the record audio files will eventually be entered into evidence for the record as State Exhibit's 14, 15, 16, and 17. The Board will be given those Exhibits officially before the final closing of this hearing. State's Exhibit 14, the recorded audio file of a voicemail from Mr. Karnik to Donna B, will be heard in today's hearing. Mr. Malik advised that he will be playing an audio file as well as conversation between Mr. Karnik and Donna B for the record, which will eventually be entered into evidence as one of the Respondent's Exhibits. Neither party had any objections to the submitted Exhibits. The State asked that the client in this case be referred to as "Donna B" for the record.

For the State, DAG Ms. Kogut provided her opening statement. Mr. Malik provided his opening statement for the respondent.

The State called their first witness, Dr. Sandeep Gupta. Dr. Gupta was sworn in for the record. On direct, the State questioned Dr. Gupta. On cross, Mr. Malik questioned Dr. Gupta. On re-direct, Ms. Kogut followed up with additional questions for Dr. Gupta. The Board questioned Dr. Gupta. With no further questions for Dr. Gupta, the Board took a short recess at 11:13 a.m. The Board reconvened at 11:30 a.m. The State called Donna B to testify. Donna B was sworn in for the record. On direct, the Ms. Kogut questioned Donna B. The Board recessed at 12:25 p.m. The Board went back on the record at 1:30 p.m. The State reconvened with questioning Donna B. The Board took a brief recess at 2:31 p.m. The Board reconvened at 2:38 p.m. The Board took a five minute recess. The Board reconvened at 3:20 p.m. The State continued questioning Donna B. The State played the audio recorded voicemail from Mr. Karnik to Donna B. Mr. Malik played an audio recording from the date of September 30, 2016 for the record. Mr. Malik questioned Donna B. With no more questions for Donna B, Ms. Brittingham moved, seconded by

Ms. Sewell, to continue the hearing until Monday, January 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The hearing adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

JSC Legislative Update

Mr. Mucha advised that the Board will be discussing the legislative update as the first agenda topic under Unfinished Business. Ms. Kelly advised of the analysis of the bill and the bill itself for the Board's review. The Joint Sunset Committee meeting will be held on January 23, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Joint Finance Committee Room on the lower level.

Dr. Saunders addressed the Board regarding the legislative bill.

Ms. Kelly asked the Board to vote to approve the bill as submitted to the JSC. Mr. Mucha moved to reaffirm approval of the bill submitted to legislators, seconded by Ms. Sewell. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of PDP and CEUs per Board order for Diana Galaris, LCSW

The Board reviewed the professional development plan and CEUs completed by Ms. Galaris per her Board Order. Ms. Warner advised that in addition to the online 10-hr course, Ms. Galaris can attend additional hours to make up the TFCBT hours. The Board will provide guidance on where Ms. Galaris can obtain the additional TFCBT hours. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Gleockler, to accept Ms. Galaris CEUs per her PDP and to notify her of how she may obtain the additional TFCBT hours.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Application(s) to Sit for ASWB Clinical Exam

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded Ms. Sewell, by to ratify the below application(s) to sit for the ASWB clinical exam. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

1. Matia Bryan
2. Emily Camera
3. Kathleen Cluff
4. Nioke Cunningham - Exam Passed
5. Rhonda Dukes
6. Matthew Holden
7. Jessica Horning
8. Ethel Horsey
9. Leticia Howell
10. Laura Kern - Exam Passed
11. Veronica Magallanes
12. Kathleen Malone
13. Melissa Schwab
14. Sheila Walker

Ratification of Application(s) by Reciprocity

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Benson, to ratify the below applications for licensure by reciprocity. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mallory Giles Paul Hogate William Steward

Review and Consider Hearing Officer Recommendations

Jodi Fletcher – The Board reviewed and considered the hearing officer recommendation for Ms. Fletcher. Ms. Sewell moved, seconded by Ms. Gleockler, to accept the recommendation as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Rosa Barnes – the Board reviewed and considered the hearing officer recommendation for Ms. Barnes. Ms. Sewell moved, seconded by Ms. Benson, to amend and accept the recommendation to state 90 days instead of 45 days. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Status of Complaints

Complaint #31-01-17 - Sent to AG's Office

Complaint #31-07-17 - Dismissed by AG's Office

Complaint #31-08-17 - Sent to AG's Office

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence before the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Saunders, on behalf of NASW-DE Chapter, addressed the Board and expressed that the multi-tier licensure is a milestone for Delaware and that multi-tier licensure is important for protection of the public. Additionally multi-tier licensure will place Delaware in line with trending that is happening across the country with respect to multi-tier licensure. Dr. Saunders thanked the Board on behalf of NASW-DE for their dedication and hard work with multi-tier legislation and moving the bill forward.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 203, Dover, Delaware. The continued hearing for Mr. Karnik will reconvene on January 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Sewell, to adjourn the regular Board meeting. There being no further business before the Board, the regular Board meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. until the hearing for Mr. Karnik at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole M. Williams
Administrative Specialist III
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.